AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A connector for connecting a subscriber line to an electrical component, the connector comprising:

a housing having a receiving slot, the housing coupled to a plurality of receptacles for receiving the subscriber line and electrically coupling the subscriber line to the electrical component, the electrical component having a surface having at least one first opening and a connector receptacle; and

a clip having a first foot slidably coupled to ~~and retained by~~ an inner wall of the housing, the inner wall defining the receiving slot, the clip further having an attachment portion and a second opening through the attachment portion, the attachment portion positioned such that the second opening substantially aligns with the first opening when the connector is inserted into the connector receptacle.

2. (Currently Amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the ~~connector~~ electrical component is ~~connected to~~ a chassis ~~holding a transceiver~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The connector of claim 1, wherein the inner wall has a depression and the clip is positioned in the depression[[s]] such that the clip is retained by the inner wall.

4. (Original) The connector of claim 1, wherein the housing is a plastic housing.

5. (Original) The connector of claim 4, wherein the clip is made of a deformable material.

6. (Original) The connector of claim 5, wherein the deformable material is a metal.

7. (Currently Amended) The connector of claim 6, wherein the ~~sliding mechanism~~clip further comprises ~~a first foot and~~ a second foot.

8. (Original) The connector of claim 7, wherein each foot comprises a tab.

9. (Original) The connector of claim 8, wherein the slot has a first and second protruding inner wall.

10. (Currently Amended) The connector of claim 9, wherein the ~~retaining device~~inner wall has a first and second retaining depression[[s]] ~~in each of the protruding walls~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The connector of claim 10, wherein the retaining depressions ~~are positioned to~~ receive the tabs when the clip is slidably coupled to the housing.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The connector of claim 11, wherein ~~the securing device is~~ a screw passes through the first and second openings thereby securing the clip to the electrical component.

15. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

~~an component~~ chassis coupled to a plurality of transceivers, the chassis having a receptacle electrically coupled to each of the transceivers, the chassis having ~~and~~ a first opening ~~within close proximity to the receptacle~~; ~~and~~

a connector attached to the receptacle, the connector ~~comprising~~ having a housing, ~~and~~ a clip slidably coupled to the housing, and receptacles coupled to a plurality of subscriber lines, the receptacles housed within the housing, wherein each of a plurality of the receptacles is electrically coupled to a respective one of the transceivers and to a respective one of the subscriber lines, the clip ~~comprising~~ having ~~an~~ second opening aligned with the first opening; and

~~for receiving~~ a screw passing through the first and second openings thereby ~~for~~ securing the ~~connector~~ clip to the ~~opening of the electrical component~~chassis.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the housing is a plastic housing.

17. (Original) The connector of claim 16, wherein the clip is composed of a deformable material.

18. (Original) The connector of claim 17, wherein the clip has a first foot and a second foot for slidably coupling the clip to the housing.

19. (Original) The connector of claim 18, wherein each foot has a tab.

20. (Original) The connector of claim 19, wherein the housing comprises a slot having a first and second protruding inner wall and at least one retaining depression.

21. (Original) The connector of claim 20, wherein the retaining depressions are positioned to receive the tabs when the clip is slidably coupled to the housing.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the clip has a plurality of deformable feet, and wherein the feet deform as the clip is being slidably coupled to the housing.

25. (New) The system of claim 24, wherein the clip has a surface through which the second opening passes, the surface substantially perpendicular to the feet.

26. (New) The system of claim 15, wherein the chassis receptacle and the first opening pass through a surface of the chassis, and wherein the clip further comprises an attachment portion, the second opening passing through the attachment portion, the attachment portion substantially parallel to the surface of the chassis.

27. (New) The system of claim 1, further comprising a screw passing through the first and second openings thereby securing the clip to the electrical component.

28. (New) A method, comprising the steps of:

providing a housing having a receiving slot in a surface of the housing;

sliding a clip into the receiving slot;

coupling a plurality of receptacles within the housing to a receptacle of a chassis such that transceivers within the chassis are electrically coupled to the plurality of receptacles, wherein each of the plurality of receptacles is electrically coupled to a respective subscriber line; and

securing the clip to the chassis, wherein the securing step comprises the step of passing a screw through an opening in the clip and an opening in the chassis.